



U. S. Army Air Transport Plane on African desert. Photo by Ivan Dmitri.

AIR IS EVERYWHERE, IMPARTIALLY

"No problem has greater bearing upon us as individuals and as a nation than that of the postwar use of universal air."

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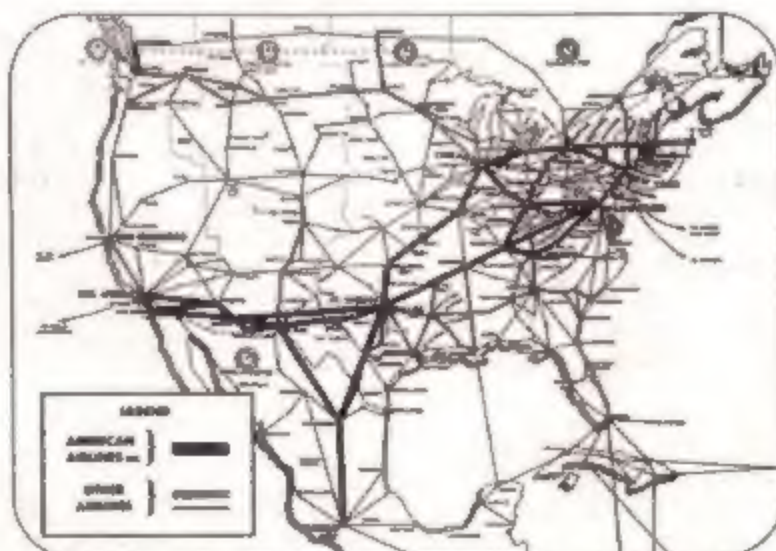
The founders of our nation came here to get away from Europe.

Due largely to pre-air geography, our national history has been one with emphasis upon self-determination, self-sufficiency and isolation . . . resulting in the greatest nation on earth with the highest standard of living.

The descendants of our founders, however, invented a machine—the airplane—that makes us more accessible to, and brings us infinitely closer to all of the earth's inhabitants than ever before. Daily the world becomes effectively smaller.

About 88 years ago our government introduced camels into Texas, New Mexico and Arizona to

carry the mail. The experiment proved unsuccessful. Camel caravans, traveling at about 2½ miles per hour, are still a common sight in many parts of the world. Contrast that speed with the 300 miles an hour of our modern transport planes!



The increasing use of the air realm for national and international vehicular traffic rapidly is changing the relationship of all nations and of all peoples. This trend will increase, not diminish, after the war. It presents national and personal problems and opportunities.

The U.S. has the world's best Airlines; therefore we believe the way to adjust to this world change is for us first to become an airfaring nation at home—domestically and hemispherically.

After the war our aviation impetus should be accelerated, not retarded.

We need surface transportation, but in addition, we must travel *above* the earth in order to have security *upon* the earth.

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